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1. The Sub-Commission considered item 9 at its 32nd, 33rd and .. meetings on 24 and 26 August 1994.

2. By resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1979, the Economic and Social Council authorized the Sub-Commission to appoint a working group (Working Group on Communications) of no more than five of its members to meet annually for 10 working days, immediately before each session of the Sub-Commission, to consider all communications received by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 728 F (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959, including replies of Governments thereon, with a view to bringing to the attention of the Sub-Commission those communications which appeared to reveal a consistent pattern of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

3. The procedure to be followed by the Working Group on Communications in deciding on the admissibility of communications was established by Sub-Commission resolution 1 (XXIV) of 13 August 1971, and the Working Group itself was set up in accordance with Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) of 16 August 1971.

4. The Sub-Commission had before it a confidential report on the work of the Working Group on Communications at its twenty-second session, held from 18 to 29 July 1994 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/R.1 and addenda), certain communications which had been kept pending before the Sub-Commission since its forty-fifth session in 1993, as well as all Government replies relevant to the material before it. The Sub-Commission wishes to stress in this connection that Government cooperation is essential for the proper functioning of the bodies entrusted with the implementation of the procedure governed by Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) and expresses the hope that all Governments will in the future respond to communications transmitted to them and thereby contribute to further development in international cooperation in the field of human rights.

5. Mr. F. Yimer, Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Communications, introduced the Working Group's report and drew attention, as appropriate, to the material which was pending before the Sub-Commission since its forty-fifth session.

6. Following the discussion which ensued, the Sub-Commission decided, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII), to refer to the Commission on Human Rights for consideration certain particular situations which appeared to reveal a consistent pattern of gross and reliably attested

violations of human rights. The Sub-Commission also decided to defer action on certain communications to its forty-seventh session, in 1995, and to take no action with regard to other communications.

7. At its ..th meeting (closed part), on 26 August 1994, the Sub-Commission adopted a confidential report, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII), by which it communicated to the Commission on Human Rights its decisions taken under paragraph 5 of that resolution.

8. At its ..th meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Sub-Commission decided on the composition of its Working Group on Communications that would meet prior to its forty-seventh session. For the composition of the Working Group, see chapter II, section B, decision 1994/...

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